

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's participation in a telephone interview relating to this action on December 2, 2008 which involved Examiner Chang and Applicant's representative David J. McKenzie (Reg. No. 46,919). During the course of the telephone interview, the representative described the claimed invention briefly and explained that the art of record lacks the "establishing a search space" and "narrowing said search space" limitations recited in the claims. Applicant's representative also explained that the art of record lacks a "relative performance index" for each hardware model and introduced proposed amendments which clarify this distinction. Applicant's representative and the Examiner reached an agreement that the proposed amendment overcomes the art of record. Applicant's representative also proposed amending "index" to "index value" and to add the last clause "...or a best-fit configuration is designated" to clarify those limitations. Those proposed amendments are included in this response and replicated in the corresponding claims that address similar subject matter. Applicant's representative believes the interview made significant advances in prosecution.